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SUBJECT: CHINA  
1...EST SECSTATE MET FOR ONE HOUR WITH YOUR COUNTERPART ZHANG AIPING  
THIS MORNING.

FOLLOW THIS UP IN MY DISCUSSIONS TOMORROW.

2. (S) IN A TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR

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SESSION WITH PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG SECSTATE DELIVERED A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN RE-INVITING ZHAO TO WASHINGTON. ZHAO REPLIED THAT HE WAS PLEASED, ACCEPTED THE INVITATION BUT INDICATED THAT THE DATE WAS NOT ABLE TO BE FIXED AS YET.

3. (S) ZHAO DESCRIBED THE PROBLEMS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP, I.E., TAIWAN AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND THEN GAVE A LONG EXPOSITION OF SINO-SOVET RELATIONS. HE DESCRIBED THE SOVIETS AS THE "ROOT CAUSE OF TENSION AND TURBULENCE" IN THE WORLD. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE PRC HAS NOT AND NEVER WILL FOUL UP THE U.S. WITH THE SOVIETS. HE ENDED WITH A DISCUSSION OF HIS RECENTLY CONCLUDED 11 NATION AFRICAN TRIP.

4. (S) DURING THE MORNING THE CHINESE DELIVERED A LOW-LEVEL PROTEST TO THE SECRETARY OVER THE "TEAM SPIRIT" EXERCISE. THIS WAS EVIDENTLY IN RESPONSE TO A "FOOTBALL" IN CH PYONGYANG. SECSTATE RESPONDED THAT THE EXERCISE HAS SOLELY FOR TRAINING ANNOUNCED BEFOREHAND, AND WELL AWAY FROM PROVOCATIVE AREAS. HE THEN CONTRASTED THIS WITH THE RECENT CPTK EXERCISES WHICH ARE HELD CLOSE TO THE DMZ. VERY RESPECTFULLY, RICH.  
DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

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